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69th Convention Rallies Labor Forces to Win November Elections; Asks Price Curbs, Wage Hikes; Urges U.S.-Asia Defense Treaty

Prices Should Be Fixed at June Levels; Wage Policies Must Permit Raises Based On Increased Productivity

Houston, Tex.—The 69th AFL convention called on President Truman to exercise his authority under the Defense Production Act to impose selective price controls to check the inflationary rise in the cost of living caused by the Korean war and defense program.

"Before wage stabilization measures are undertaken, collective bargaining must be allowed to bring wages to a prevision parity with prices," the convention said.

The statement on economic policies asserted the nation must be ready to face 6, 10 or even 20 years during which a substantial portion of our productive efforts must be devoted to defense purposes.

"So long as the actual shooting is confined to Korea, the situation does not require complete, all-out mobilization," the convention said. "It does require a condition of semi-mobilization which from the viewpoint of the economy may prove just as difficult to control and manage."

Voluntary measures were advocated so far as possible but where positive controls were necessary, it was urged that they should be imposed promptly.

Following are the highlights of the convention action on prices, wages, taxes and other economic items involved in the national defense program.

Prices.—Prices of key commodities have been rising steadily since the Korean invasion. Although the actual rise in the cost of living index has been moderate prices of basic commodities have risen 25 percent and wholesale prices of food over 19 percent. It is only a matter of time before these are translated into substantial increases in the retail prices of all commodities.

We reaffirm the recommendation of the Executive Council that price controls be imposed as soon as possible. To the extent that it is practicable, prices should be fixed at a level not higher than that prevailing during the month of June.

Price control on every single commodity is not needed at the present time. What is needed is selective price control on key commodities. The Defense Production Act includes a confusing provision apparently prohibiting such selective price controls unless they are accompanied by a roll-back and some and inequitable system of wage stabilization. However, we feel that the act through its exception clause gives the President adequate authority for selective price controls and we urge him to use it.

While prices have risen sharply since the Korean invasion, wages have remained relatively stable. The simple fact that wage rates are changed only at infrequent intervals while prices are constantly changing as negotiated explains why wages are bound to fall behind prices in any inflationary spiral.

Although some form of wage stabilization may well be inevitable, it would be contrary to sound economic principles and grossly unfair to freeze all wages at this time. Before any wage stabilization measures are undertaken, collective bargaining must be allowed to bring wages to a prevision parity with prices.

The form of any wage stabilization program is particularly important. We emphatically reject any rigid formulas which would tie changes in wages with changes in cost of living. There must always be room for wage changes to correct interplant and interindustry inequities and for wage increases based on increased productivity.

Taxes.—The tax bill worked out in Congress falls in several respects to meet the recommendations of the American Federation of Labor.

It does not provide for an excess profits tax. However, it fails to close several of the loopholes in the present law and does not restore the 1948 cuts to estate and gift taxes. In adopting the 1945 schedules for individual income taxes, the new law fails to recognize that this place an undue burden on families of low income. Retention of the split income provision, the heavier sales taxes imposed by the new bill and local governments, and the substantial rise in prices all make the use of the 1945 schedule inequitable at the present time.

Controls Over Scarce Materials and Goods.—The Defense Production Act gives the President sufficient authority to control the limited supplies of scarce raw materials. We urge him to act promptly to prevent nonessential scarce raw materials. We urge him to act promptly to prevent nonessential good or unscrupulous manufacturers from obtaining materials necessary for defense purposes. Positive steps must be taken to insure additional plant capacity for critical materials.

We note that the consumer credit regulations have once more been issued and that restrictive credit regulations have been imposed on the purchase of new homes. Necessary as these regulations may be, we wish to call attention to the fact that their effects are felt more severely on persons of low income and limited financial resources. Instead of relying on these indirect tools of credit restrictions which only serve to penalize those least able to pay, it would be far better to control the production of consumer goods, cutbacks in production, strict allocations of scarce materials and an effective tax program to limit the use of excess purchasing power to relieve inflationary pressures.

Manpower.—Because unemployment is at a low level, it is likely that manpower problems will arise far more quickly than during the 1940's.

A program for the most efficient use of manpower can be worked out based on voluntary agreements between unions, management and government. There is absolutely no need for any kind of universal draft, labor or any other type of compulsory manpower controls. The use of force in directing labor can only prove self-defeating and will wreck the defense effort.

It is important to point out the intimate connection between manpower and production controls. If we allow nonessential plants and services to continue to operate, the workers they need cannot be siphoned off into defense industries. An effectively functioning and ably administered program of production controls can go a long way toward solving any manpower difficulties that may arise.

Administration of the Program.—No program is any better than its administration. We urge the President to appoint administrators who will command the respect of all groups affected by the program.

For this program to be successful will require very close cooperation between the civilian and military authorities. The first step in this cooperation is for the military to outline clearly and realistically the requirements in men and material for their defense needs. This is absolutely essential if the civilian part of the economy is to function effectively.

This program is neither simple nor easy. There will be no painless way to stop inflation. We are convinced that the American people realize this, and are quite willing to undergo any sacrifices to keep alive the forces of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

Canada Fights Reds And Rising Prices

Houston, Tex.—Canadian workers are fighting to destroy all vestiges of communist influence in their ranks and to halt the rising cost of living.

Roger Provost, member of the AFL United Hatters and fraternal delegate from the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, told the 69th AFL convention that at the Canadians' 65th convention "we known communist was allowed into our convention even though his local union had sent him as a delegate."

"We in the Canadian labor movement have decided to take the initiative and to use our democracy with all the power it gives us to destroy communism and rid our organization of its willing dupes," he said.

Mr. Provost said that prices have been shooting up so fast in Canada that "we no sooner get a raise in pay than it is fished from us by further increases in the cost of living." He said the government's price freeze stands at its highest point in history.

He reported that Canadian labor stood unitedly against the Parliament's attempt to force compulsory arbitration of the recent national railway strike upon the working men.

SEES LABOR PRESS HELPING VICTORY

Houston, Tex.—AFL President William Green told labor newspaper editors that their publications are in the front line of the battle for a victory in the November elections.

"In some states there is not a single large daily paper supporting labor," he said. "The fight must be carried on by the labor press.

"We must depend on the labor press more and more to get the facts to the citizens."

WAGE INCREASE

Roxana, Ill.—The Shell Oil Co.'s Wood River refinery employes have accepted a wage increase of 11 cents an hour. The increase includes 1,100 members of the AFL Operating Engineers. The new agreement includes a permanent arrangement for arbitration of the dismissal of workers.

Let's Beat Taft

Houston, Tex.—L to r., AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice President W. C. Doherty congratulate W. Averell Harriman, special assistant to President Truman, after he told the 69th AFL convention that Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio should be defeated because of his opposition to the Marshall Plan and other programs aimed at turning back communist aggression.

Permanent UN Security Force, End of Russian Veto Urged

Houston, Tex.—The 69th AFL convention adopted a 15-point international relations program which called for strengthening the permanent United Nations Security Force and changing the rules of the veto to end Russian obstructionism in the UN Security Council.

Asserting that mankind is "face to face with a new world war," the convention urged the United States to offer to the free countries of Asia a defensive agreement similar to the Atlantic Pact.

It reaffirmed support for Point Four aid, technical assistance, Marshall Plan aid, an information program, peace treaties for West Germany and Japan and revision of the Italian treaty.

It advocated an investigation of Russia's role in fomenting and organizing civil war in China.

"Vastly encouraged by the victory of its quislings in China, the Russian communist dictatorship has launched upon a course of subversion, aggression and armed piracy undermining world peace and endangering all the free nations of the earth," the convention said.

"In the light of the conflagration in Korea, the paramount task confronting the free world is preparedness, and especially the free labor movement of the world is duty and it need be, to defeat decisively Soviet imperialist aggression."

Following is the point-by-point program:

Towards preserving world peace promoting democracy, advancing industrial and economic freedom for the peoples of Asia and the Pacific area, we recommend the following:

1. The high degree of unity attained by the peace-seeking nations of the UN in its resistance to Soviet aggression against the Republic of Korea should be further developed to strengthen the free countries of Asia with the democracies of the West into a collective agreement for providing all participating peoples—regardless of color or creed—security similar to that assured to free Europe by the Atlantic Pact.

2. To remove the suspicions, fears and resentment of the peoples of Asia to enter into such a defense pact, America, as leader of those champions of all peoples striving for full national independence, should take the lead in using the UN initiate a program for the systematic elimination of every vestige of colonialism and imperialist practices.

3. We reiterate our support of the Point Four Program in line with the declaration of the last convention and the executive council. We urge that the program be applied on a scale to advance the education, national culture, health, technical training and the rights and standards of labor, for all areas of Asia and Africa, which have not yet attained their full independence, representatives of the indigenous populations are to have their full participation and participation in the planning and application of the program.

4. We reaffirm our support of the Marshall Plan. We urge the prompt efforts made to assure effective use of European dollars therein and use the valuable contributions of organized labor to the program of reconstruction in free Europe. We urge the government to look with favor upon efforts by European labor to increase substantially the benefits of increased production and rising productivity. Our government should prepare a definite plan to utilize ECA resources for rehabilitation and resettling the great "mass of uprooted humanity still held in the Displaced Persons Camps of Europe and Asia."

5. Our government should invigorate and expand its campaign to enlighten the world about American democracy and institutions. In this connection, our government should combat, through the use of dictatorial regimes and the oppressed peoples behind the iron curtain.

6. We reaffirm our support of the Atlantic Pact. We urge the prompt preparation of a permanent United Nations Security Force and the ratification of the Genocide Convention.

7. We call upon our government to have the American delegation in the UN press for the admission of a Declaration of Rights and Duties of States, in line with the AFL memorandum of April 8, 1949, to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, and for the admission of Yugoslav delegation to outlaw the communist, fascist, terrorist movements or assisting civil wars and disturbances" in the internal affairs and territory of another state." Towards implementing the foregoing with such a measure, we call for the establishment of a permanent UN commission charged with investigating complaints when they arise and devising steps to eliminate such breaches. We likewise urge all affiliates of the ICFTU to impress upon their respective governments and UN delegations to support fully the above proposal.

8. Our country should spare no effort to rally its democratic associates to a policy of denying diplomatic recognition and admission to the UN of any regime established and imposed through foreign intrigue or intervention. In this spirit, the American delegation in the UN should veto the admission into the UN of the quisling regime of communist usurpers in China and should vigorously press for the seating UN investigation of Russia's role in fomenting, organizing civil war in China.

9. To put an end to the false and self-defeating policy of continuing relationships with peoples based on refighting World War II, we urge our government and its allied democracies to speed the adoption of treaties of peace with the West German Federal Republic and Japan and to review completely the utterly unfair treaty of peace imposed on Italy in the days of allied appeasement of imperialist Russia.

10. We should seek to have the UN select a special commission on character revision which shall prepare and propose amendments aimed at establishing a permanent UN security force and change the rules of the veto to avoid the unfortunate experience had thus far and to insure more effective functioning by its sundry specialized agencies.

11. At this critical juncture in the life of nations, it is imperative for the strengthening of democratic associates to assure themselves collective security by mobilizing fully their manpower, material and productive resources and by establishing joint defense machinery capable of discouraging and defeating the aggressors and thus assuring peace. Western Germany is an integral part of the economic and political community of free Europe.

The German people should be rewarded their full sovereignty and be treated as an equal among the free nations. They should be permitted a share in bearing the responsibilities and obligations for the defense and liberation of every shade of totalitarianism, as well as enjoying the advantages of collective security against aggression and communist encroachment. The forms and extent of enabling the people of West Germany to contribute to their own and the common defense is a question of the Atlantic Alliance—should be determined democratically by the parliament.

12. To stimulate and support an effective defense program and to bring living standards of the democratic nations and the peace progress of the entire world, we urge the systematic expansion of exchanges of manufactured goods for raw materials; and steps towards the economic integration and the political solidarity of a united democratic Europe.

'Let's Play Politics' Till November 7 to Elect Congress That Will Repeal Taft-Hartley Law, Keenan Pleads

Houston, Tex.—The 69th AFL convention closed with a rallying call for the election of a liberal Congress at home and a United States foreign policy abroad that will declaredly fight communism.

Joseph Keenan, director of AFL Labor's League for Political Education, told the delegates sitting as Labor's League convention that the election of 6 new Senate and 25 new House seats to gain a congressional majority favoring repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

"It's not too late," he told a cheering convention. "It's not hard work. It's simple."

"Let's play politics from now until Nov. 7 and we'll elect a Congress that will repeal the Taft-Hartley law, enact the kind of a minimum wage we want, and save democracy to the world!"

The convention gave Mr. Keenan a standing ovation for his fighting call on all international unions to get their local affiliates cooperating fully in the 22 crucial states where liberal members of Senate and House, Republican, Oregon, who was given a convention ovation and a pledge by AFL President William Green that AFL members and friends will march to the polls and vote for Senator Morse's reelection in November.

The Political League's campaign on the final day was a dramatic climax to a convention, held to six days by intensive daily sessions, which:

1. Adopted a comprehensive economic policy based on President Truman for immediate price curbs and for wage increases to permit workers' purchasing power to match up with the increased cost of living ever since the Korean war began.

2. Agreed on an international relations program urging a defense pact with Asian democratic countries similar to the Atlantic Treaty; a permanent United Nations Security Force; and a Point Four technical assistance program and greater share of the benefits for European workers under the Marshall Plan.

3. Approved resolutions for AFL and legislative action to increase AFL membership and influences and raise the standard of living of peoples everywhere.

Communist Attacks Make New Demands On British Women, Miss Hancock Says

Houston, Tex.—The new armament drive forced upon Great Britain by Russian aggression will require an additional 250,000 workers, mostly women, in British industry.

This was reported to the 69th AFL convention by Miss Florence Hancock, president of the Transport and General Workers Union and one of the four AFL delegates from the British Trades Union Congress.

"The British people have had to do so once before in the last 40 years after fraternal relations between the AFL and the BTUC had the British people," she said. Fraternal delegate to the United States was Margaret Bondfield.

"And only once, as far as our records show, has the labor movement sent a woman trade unionist to the Trades Union Congress—Mrs. Sara Cathcart of the Weavers in 1920," she said. "We hope you will do what the British Trades Union Congress has done this year in return."

Miss Hancock said there are 18 million women in British unions out of 74 million women in the total work force and armed forces.

"Our women have done a big part in making an important contribution to the production drive," she said. "They have had to do so before in the years of fraternal relations between the AFL and the BTUC had the British people," she said. Fraternal delegate to the United States was Margaret Bondfield.

"Our women have done a big part in making an important contribution to the production drive," she said. "During the second World War women were called up for service in the war and for national service.

"Many women substituted labor in the factories and workshops, in the building industry, in transport as well as in the civil defense organizations and in the auxiliary services in the armed forces, the gigantic war effort of many country could not have been sustained.

"Recently those who lived through the years of war in Britain can fully appreciate the courage and unselfish spirit of the British women workers."

DELEGATE BRINGS WINNIPEG THANKS

Houston, Tex.—Roger Provost fraternal delegate from the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, brought to the 69th AFL convention the thanks of the union men and women of the flood-stricken city of Winnipeg.

"They deeply appreciated the help and the financial and moral assistance in their flood disaster," he said. "They appreciated your financial gifts and they appreciated the spirit of fellowship and comradeship in their emergency."

Provost said many delegates sent financial donations to city officials, Canadian unions and to their affiliated unions for flood relief work after the disaster several months ago.

WIN ELECTION

Santa Clara, Calif.—The AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Association won a National Labor Relations Board election, 121-44, over the CIO United Steelworkers to represent workers at the Owen-Corning Fiberglas plant.

Says BTUC Replied To Rose Hecklers

Houston, Tex.—Sir William Lawther, president British Mineworkers Federation, told the AFL convention that the British Trades Union Congress supported "unreservedly" the British government's stand that nations against communist aggression.

Lawther, fraternal delegate from the BTUC, Mr. Lawther said:

"This was the reply to those who interrupted your colleague, Mrs. Rose Hecklers, when she spoke here."

Mr. Rose, president AFL United Hatters, was the fraternal delegate to the BTUC in early September. He was interrupted by Communists who protested aggression in Korea but CIO delegates applauded his statement to the party-line followers. He finished his speech despite the jeers.

Mr. Lawther recounted details of the cooperation between labor in World War II and the solidarity which has developed among the free nations against communist aggression.

"I speak for a movement that has superhuman effort placed itself once more in the front line of the defense of freedom and democracy," Mr. Lawther said.

"We have full employment, a national health service, with social security measures second to none in the world, and with our movement under public ownership as a result of these efforts.

"It can go on the records of this convention of the Country is not down and out. Nay, it may well be that as in the past in times of stress and need, we have once again lighted a beacon for guidance and hope to all mankind."

AFL President William Green responded to the speeches of Sir William and Miss Florence Hancock, the other BTUC fraternal delegate. He said:

"Carry back to the millions of workers in Great Britain whom you represent our fraternal greetings, our assurance of continued cooperation and support, and our willingness to work with them, to serve with them in the promotion of justice, liberty and freedom, and in opposition to the infiltration into our ranks of those who would rob us of our liberties."

Honor John Frey

Houston, Tex.—L. to r., George G. Lynch, president Pattern Makers League, James A. Brownlow, president AFL Metal Trades Department, and Charles J. MacGowan, president Brotherhood of Boilermakers, display illuminated resolution commemorating long services of John P. Frey, president emeritus Metal Trades Department, presented by annual Metal Trades convention.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

San Francisco.—The annual Labor-Management School has opened for the fall session at the University of San Francisco. A special series of 8 lectures titled "How to Make Your Local Union Click" will be presented for the labor leaders.

Other courses which will be offered by members of the State Department of Industrial Relations, and other federal agencies include a study of the Taft-Hartley Law, Industrial Welfare, How to Take a Case Before the National Labor Relations Board, General and State Labor Laws, Social Security, and related subjects.

FUND INCREASES

Houston, Tex.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the 69th convention that the defense fund for local trade and federal labor unions increased from $281,159 in 1949 to $449,716 by Aug. 31, 1950, a gain of $68,557 in a year.

A Holden Smile

Houston, Tex.—William Holden (right), vice president AFL Screen Actors Guild and star of the current "Sunset Boulevard," flashes his famous smile greeting Paul E. Hutchings, president Office Employes International Union, when they meet at 69th AFL convention.

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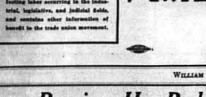
Receives Her Badge



Houston, Tex.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany (left) assists President William Green in presentation of gold badge and gift wrist watch to Miss Florence Hancock, chief woman officer of the Transport and General Workers Union and fraternal delegate to the 69th AFL convention from the British Trades Union Congress.

India Needs Farmers, Trade Unionists To Teach People to Help Themselves

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

New York.—A chunky, grinning Irishman right out of Brooklyn has come back from parts East with a couple of beefs about what's going on in Asia and a couple of suggestions as to what should be done.

He's Dick Deverall, staff member of the AFL's Free Trade Union Committee and labor's roving ambassador in the Pacific outposts. He returned to report to the 69th AFL convention in Houston, Tex., some of the matters that are burning him, like—

Hollywood; gangster comics; sexy novels.

Mr. Deverall told the AFL convention that "a leader in India is being conditioned more and more important," said Mr. Deverall. "For example we send the better for our foreign policies.

"Unfortunately, the colonial attitudes of many American employers gives aid and comfort to the communists. They will hire an American and an equally competent Indian on a job. The American will get 1,000 rupees, the Indian 50 rupees.

"This kind of wage discrimination is held up as an example of American supremacy and how phony it is. The Asian masses hate our line that 'we'll save Asia, because to them it sounds paternalistic, condescending, in the good old white man's burden tradition.

"What we should send to Asia are practical farmers, experts in cooperatives, credit union groups, and lots of trade unionists. These people have something to sell—to teach the Indians how to help themselves, how to improve agricultural techniques, to get after the money-lenders who bleed the people and to raise standards of Indian workers.

"I think there is still time to do a good job over there and some of those countries—Malaya, Philippines, India, Ceylon, Pakistan and Thailand—are screaming for that kind of help. I say let's give it to them while we have a chance."

VOTING RECORDS OFFERED

Washington.—AFL Labor's League for Political Education has available copies of "Your Security Checklist," the voting records of the 81st Congress which may be obtained by writing to LLPE, 1629 H St. N.W., Washington, D. C.

JOIN AFL

Houston, Tex.—AFL President William Green told the 69th AFL convention that 10,000 members of the independent Pocketbook Workers Union, New York City, had affiliated with the AFL Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers Union.

Houston, Tex.—AFL President William Green welcomes Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin to his third AFL convention as a member of President Truman's cabinet. It was the AFL's 69th.

Welcome, Mr. Secretary!

Best U. S. Congress Since 1938 Reversed Reactionary Trend

Washington.—The best Congress since 1938 has gone home for two months with liberal members assured all-out labor support for reelection on Nov. 7.

This was the first Congress in 12 years to broaden New Deal legislation, completely reversing the reactionary trend which had swung so far by 1946 as to result in enactment of the Taft-Hartley law.

A whopping labor-liberal landslide on Nov. 7 may succeed the 81st Congress to improve even more upon its record when it returns for the "lame duck" session beginning Nov. 27. It plans to take up bills giving statehood to Alaska and Hawaii and possibly consider strengthening the rent control bill which now permits federal controls to lapse on Dec. 31.

The major bills supported by the AFL which were enacted into law were:

1. Expanded social security to include 10,000,000 more persons and hike benefits.

2. Slum clearance and public housing program.

3. Increased minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. (Passed during first session.)

4. Continued Marshall Plan aid to Europe and reciprocal trade agreements; ratification of North Atlantic Defense Treaty; expanded displaced persons law; establishment of Point Four program of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas.

Aside from these major domestic and foreign victories for President Truman's Fair Deal, there were a number of other important legislative triumphs.

These included repeal of the federal classmagazine tax, modified rent control extension, and improvements in government employes pay and condition.

The Congress backed up fully the United States' cooperation with the United Nations to halt Communist aggression in Korea and to prepare to fight such aggression anywhere else in the world.

The higher minimum wage and expanded social security were the first bills to broaden measures passed under President Roosevelt. The social security bill had been unchanged since 1939, the minimum wage law since 1938.

On top of that, no anti-labor bills were passed. Repeal of Taft-Hartley failed in the first session but neither were the Taft-Hartleyites able to make the law more stringent.

The only adverse effects of anti-labor provisions to get through was Senator Knowland's amendment to the social security bill wiping out federal authority to pay payrolls of unemployment compensation.

BARKLEY SENT REGRETS

Houston, Tex.—Vice President Alben W. Barkley telegraphed his regrets to AFL President William Green when the Senate filibuster on Communist control bill prevented the vice president from making his scheduled address to the 69th AFL convention.

"Our Country First . . ."

Houston, Tex.—In one of the thrilling moments of the 69th AFL convention, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany thanks the delegates for his reelection while AFL Vice President Daniel J. Tobin (left), who seconded Mr. Meany's nomination, and AFL President William Green look on. "In the days that lie ahead," Mr. Meany said, "let us keep pre-eminently in our minds that the security of our country must come first in our thoughts."

Portrait Presented

Houston, Tex.—Acting for AFL Vice President George M. Harrison, president Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Chief Executive Officer Phil Ziegler of the Clerks presents an oil portrait of AFL President William Green at the 69th AFL convention in the AFL presidents' parlor. Painted by Bjorn Egli, Washington artist, the portrait was commissioned by Mr. Harrison in appreciation of Mr. Green's qualities and the effectiveness with which he advocates the cause of trade unionism."

Union Label Leaders

Houston, Tex.—L. to r., President Matthew Woll of the Union Label Trades Department, Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright, and Raymond F. Leheney, secretary-treasurer Union Label Trades Department, shown at department's 42d convention.

A Feather For You

Houston, Tex.—L. to r., George A. Wilson, secretary Houston Trades and Labor Council, and Richard J. Gray, president AFL Building Trades Department, hail the Red Feather emblem of the 1950 Community Chest drive which each AFL member can qualify to wear by contributing to the annual campaign in his home community.

Truman Picks Bott To Replace Denham

Washington.—President Truman appointed George J. Bott as general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board to succeed Robert N. Denham, the first general counsel under the Taft-Hartley act, who resigned at the President's request 2 weeks ago.

The appointment was in the nature of a promotion for Mr. Bott, who has been assistant general counsel for 2 years. He has been with the agency for 13 years. Mr. Bott's home at his voting residence is in nearby Maryland and he is a Democrat.

Mr. Bott told reporters a short time later he expected to get along amicably with the 5-man board, but he would not comment on some of the policy matters on which Mr. Denham had jousted with the board.

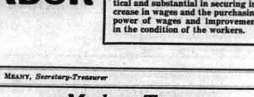
INDUSTRY HIRES DENHAM AND AIDE

Washington.—Robert N. Denham, asked by President Truman to resign as general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board because of his anti-labor bias, has gone to work for industry.

Sure to go down in the records as one of the most one-sided prejudiced public officials ever to serve in the capital, Mr. Denham has now joined the law firm of Gall and Layne, whose principal clients are the coal and steel interests which obtained from Denham every one of the Taft-Hartley injunctions requested against the United Mine Workers.

Joseph C. Wells, one of Mr. Denham's assistants, meanwhile has joined the staff of Elisha Hanson, general counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, which was granted every Taft-Hartley injunction and device to harass the AFL International Typographical Union.

Made a Texan



Houston, Tex.—AFL President William Green dons the sombrero which marks him a Texan just after being presented with this emblem of the Longhorn State and a certificate of honorary Texas citizenship, signed by Gov. Allan Shivers. Presentation was made at the 69th AFL convention by Troy Blackburn (left), president Houston Central Trades and Labor Council, and Paul C. Sparks (right), secretary Texas State Federation of Labor.

Get Out Vote Drive for Nov. 7 Begins As Record Registration Rolls Up

Washington.—With the voter registration drive winding up Oct. 1, AFL reporters turned their full attention to getting those voters to the polls and in the ballot boxes on Nov. 7.

Workers could follow a daily stunt of reminding each other to vote on the way to work morning or evening reminders such as:

Remember Nov. 7!

Be sure to vote Nov. 7!

See you at the polls Nov. 7!

Got to vote Nov. 7!

Those record-breaking registration figures are leading to a mean thing if the people registered fail to cast their ballots on election day.

Joseph Keenan, director AFL Labor's League for Political Education has told the league's annual meeting in Houston that the importance of the register and vote campaign was well illustrated in Maine.

Margins of the three Republican congressmen reelected in Maine were cut one-third to one-half in a year when there was neither a presidential or senatorial contest.

Maine no longer can be put in the "sure" Republican column. Trade unionists and other liberals have seen to that.

In 1946 Maine's liberals—like most of us—sat out the election. In 1948 they conducted a pretty good campaign. And this year they really got on the ball.

The harder the trade unionists and other liberals in Maine worked the larger the vote. And when the total vote increased, the proportion of the ballots that went to liberals shot up.

As Maine worked, let the rest of labor's liberal forces volunteer now for a third to one-half reductions of majorities in many states where there is a more closely balanced two-party division will knock out many reactionaries and send a liberal Congress to Washington.

Don't Get Sucked In on Those Ads Medical Association Starts Oct. 8

Washington.—AFL Central Labor Unions, internationals and locals were urged NOT to get sucked in on those big advertisements to be released to educate doctors needed as a result the armed forces buy of draft physicians to get enough to send aside in Korea and for national defense.

'Wise Owl'

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin (left) enrolls Cheyre Pomeroy, machinist at Phoenix, Ariz., plant of Reynolds Metals Co., as 1,000th member of Wise Owl Club of America—eye safety organization sponsored by National Society for Prevention of Blindness admitting industrial workers who prove safety glasses saved them from partial or complete blindness when an accident occurred.

This sinister campaign of opinion and untruth was desc.ibed at the 69th AFL convention by Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing. He said:

"The AMA has allocated the sum of $1,110,000—a sum amassed by a compulsory levy on the doctors of this country—for a concentrated advertising campaign in the week of Oct. 8 that will reach into the daily newspapers, the national magazines, and the radio stations of the United States.

"On the advice of its public relations counselors, this campaign will be supplemented by so-called tie-in advertising—to an amount reported to run as high as $19 million—chipped in by business firms, manufacturers, patent medicine companies, insurance companies, railroads and power companies.

"I have seen the copy of some of these advertisements. They are a tribute to the shrewd skill of the professional propagandists. These professional propagandists set up the imaginary target of 'socialized medicine'—which nobody in this country wants—

Winning Editor

Houston, Tex.—J. Scott Milne (left), secretary-treasurer International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and editor of the union journal, accepts one of two awards of merit won by his publication in annual contest from AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, president International Labor Press of America.